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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Roger MASSEY
Serial no. :
Filed :
For : BAR-STOCK BALL VALVE
Docket : GEMVAL P15AUS

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(c-f) and 1.27(b-d))**

With respect to the invention described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith.
- ☐ application serial no. filed .
- ☐ patent no. issued .

I. IDENTIFICATION OF DECLARANT AND RIGHTS AS A SMALL ENTITY

I hereby declare that I am

(a) Independent Inventor

- ☐ a below named independent inventor and that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code to the Patent and Trademark Office.

(b) Non-Inventor Supporting a Claim By Another

- ☐ making this verified statement to support a claim by for a small entity status for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code and I hereby declare that I would qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, if I had made the above identified invention.

(c) Small Business Concern

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
- ☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN Parker & Harper Companies, Inc.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN Otter Court, Raymond, New Hampshire 03077

and that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of the Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

(d) Non-Profit Organization

☐ an official empowered to act on behalf of the non-profit organization identified below:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION _____

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- ☐ UNIVERSITY OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
- ☐ TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE (26 USC 501(a) AND 501(c)(3))
- ☐ NON-PROFIT SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL UNDER STATUTE OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(NAME OF STATE _____)
(CITATION OF STATUTE _____)
- ☐ WOULD QUALIFY AS TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE (26 USC 501(A) AND 501(C)(3)) IF LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- ☐ WOULD QUALIFY AS NON-PROFIT SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL UNDER STATUTE OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IF LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(NAME OF STATE _____)
(CITATION OF STATUTE _____)

and that the non-profit organization identified above qualifies as a non-profit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code.

II. OWNERSHIP OF INVENTION BY DECLARANT

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law remain with and/or have been conveyed to the above identified

- ☐ person (item (a) or (b) above) ☐ concern (item (c) above) ☐ organization (item (d) above)

EXCEPT, that if the rights held are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held (1) by any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, (2) any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or (3) a non-profit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

- ☐ no such person, concern, or organization
- ☐ person, concerns or organizations listed below*

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

III. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DUTY TO NOTIFY PTO OR STATUS CHANGE

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

IV. DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing hereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

V. SIGNATURES COMPLETE ONLY (e) or (f) BELOW

(e)

NOTE: All inventors must sign the verified statement

or

(f)

NOTE: The title of the person signing on behalf of a concern or non-profit organization should be specified.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Roger Massey

TITLE OF PERSON Vice President

(if signing on behalf of a concern or non-profit organization)

ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING 135 Bow Street, Unit 17

Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

DATE May 30, 2000 SIGNATURE Roger Massey

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Original, Design, National Stage of PCT, Supplemental)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type: (check one applicable item below)

- ☐ original
- ☐ design
- ☐ supplemental
- ☐ National Stage of PCT
- ☐ divisional (see added page)
- ☐ continuation (see added page)
- ☐ continuation-in-part (see added page)

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My/our residence, post office address and citizenship is/are as stated below next to my/our name. I/We believe that the named inventor or inventors listed below is/are the original and first inventor or inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

BAR-STOCK BALL VALVE

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a) ☐ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☐ was filed on _____ as
☐ Serial No. _____ or
☐ Express Mail No. _____ as Serial No. (not yet known) and was
amended on _____ (if applicable).
- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on
_____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if
any).

POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (list name(s) and registration number(s))

Anthony G. M. Davis
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Registration No. 32,018
Registration No. 42,462

- ☐ Attached as part of this Declaration and Power of Attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A black and white micrograph showing a single cell with a large, dark, centrally located nucleus. The cell is roughly circular with a slightly irregular border. The nucleus is filled with dense, dark granular material, likely chromatin. The surrounding cytoplasm is lighter and less dense.

I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information which is known to be material to patentability of this application as defined in § 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I/We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me/us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
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			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION

☐ I/We hereby claim the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. 119(e), of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YY)	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supple-mental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.
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DECLARATION

I/We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's signature: Roger M. Mason Date: May 30, 2000

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